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News Notes

Counseling Department and Transfer Center:
CSUN representative will be on campus March 21 from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria on a drop-in basis, and on March 27 from 10 to 1 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center and on March 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center.

Lee College representative will be on campus March 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on a drop in basis in Monarch Square.

UCLA has changed many requirements of its majors. Pick up a copy of the changes in the Counseling Department.

Tuesday Workshop series presents "Choice or Chance: How to Choose a Major" on March 14 presented by Barbara Goldberg from noon to 1 p.m. in Foreign Language 102.

"A 'Major' Decision: Using Your Major to Find A Career" presented by Barbara Goldberg on March 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Campus Center, room 206.

Algebra competency testing will be held March 13 from 1 to 2p.m. and March 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Campus Center 116.

Financial Aid: Ability to benefit test will be held March 16 at 1:30 p.m. in Campus Center 116. No appointment is necessary, the test takes one hour and 30 minutes, every student must bring a picture ID.

Student Health Services Center: Student health screening "Diabetes: Are You At Risk?" will be held March 13 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. A lecture will be held in Campus Center 205 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Campus Concert Series: Jesse Monreal, guitarist, will be performing March 16 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

Women's History Month will be commemorated through a display in the case located in the Campus Center. The display can be seen March 6 through March 17.

Astronmy Club presents "The Spring Sky" presented on March 17 at 8 p.m. in College Planetarium

Board of Trustees Candidates Forum on March 13 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Candidates for the LACCD Board of Trustees will answer questions and concerns of students and staff.

"President's Outstanding Leader Award" application deadline is March 24. Submit and pick up application forms to the Office of Student Services, Campus Center 100.

Broadcasting Club will be sponsoring a car wash March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at College Circle Drive located at Coldwater Canyon and Hatteras Street.

Guests speak up against domestic violence

❒ Students gather to learn about abusive relationships

By SANDRA CARRANZA and ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writers

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Jae Levine Weiss, outreach coordinator for Haven Hills, shares some information with full-time student Pattie-Jo McClernon .

A woman is battered every 15 seconds in America and one of every three battered women are killed by their partners. An assembly to discuss the cause and effects of domestic violence was held in Monarch Hall March 1.

Primarily women attended the lecture although a few men were scattered within the area. Lectures were given by representatives of women's support groups, all experts in the causes and effects of domestic violence.

Haven Hills, a retreat for battered women is located in the San Fernando Valley. Outreach Coordinator Jae Levine Weiss spoke at length, informing the women in the audience of the ways they can become aware of the potential physical abuse that may be inherent in their boyfriends.

To the women already involved in an abusive situation Weiss strongly urged them to seek help and counseling from any of the local women's shelters. Advice and assistance are available and temporary living quarters are provided.

To women just entering into a commitment Weiss gave information regarding what they should look for in the early stages of a relationship.

There are certain negative, unmistakable, characteristic traits that make up the psychological profile of a woman batterer. According to Weiss and a list of statistics compiled by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 95 percent of men will exhibit some or all of these traits.

These traits include ignoring your feelings and insulting you or women in general. Does he ridicule your religion or race, or humiliate you in public or private? Do you believe he respects you? Other traits to be aware of are shouting, obscene name calling and refusal to let you make personal decisions. Taking car keys, money and demanding to know every detail of your day are indicative signs. Are you afraid of him and is your fear growing?

All the above are vital questions by which a women should evaluate a man in the early stages of an affair. If he acts in any of the ways listed, she is urged to end the relationship, because it will only get worse. Weiss warns all women contemplating marriage, "If your intended spouse exhibits any of these traits, end the affair immediately."

750,000 cases of abused women were recorded last year. In Los Angeles County, a woman dies from battering every nine days and 35 percent of all battered women were abused during the early stages of their pregnancy.

"These statistics are frightening," said Weiss, "but with the information available today women can make an educated decision about their lover or boyfriend, if only by comparing his actions to the profile of batterers. Don't become blinded by sex, for if your intended shows any of these traits, he will also abuse you sexually."

Why do women remain in these situations? Weiss explained this with what she calls a term cycle of violence, wherein distinct and successive phases of the batterer's behavior are manifested in the following ways. The three ways are the tension building phase, the explosion phase and honeymoon phase.

The tension building phase is always preceded by one or all of the traits listed in a batterer's profile. This phase may last for days or weeks, during which time the woman loses her personality and self esteem, questions her sanity and blames herself for the man's abusive and erratic behavior. She breathes a sigh of relief when he leaves the house and begins to tremble when he comes home.

She is extremely careful in avoiding arguments or upsetting him, sees that the home is spotlessly clean, his meals are cooked to perfection and his clothes are washed. However, despite her efforts, nothing she does satisfies him. He works himself into a rage over trivial things, verbally abuses her and whether she remains passive or reacts to his behavior, he eventually becomes violent with her.

The actual physical beating is the explosion phase of the cycle.

"The honeymoon phase," Weiss said, "is where too many women make a mistake. After assaulting her the batterer shows remorse, apologizes, asks for forgiveness and promises it will never happen again. He's gentle and solicitous of her feelings, showers her with

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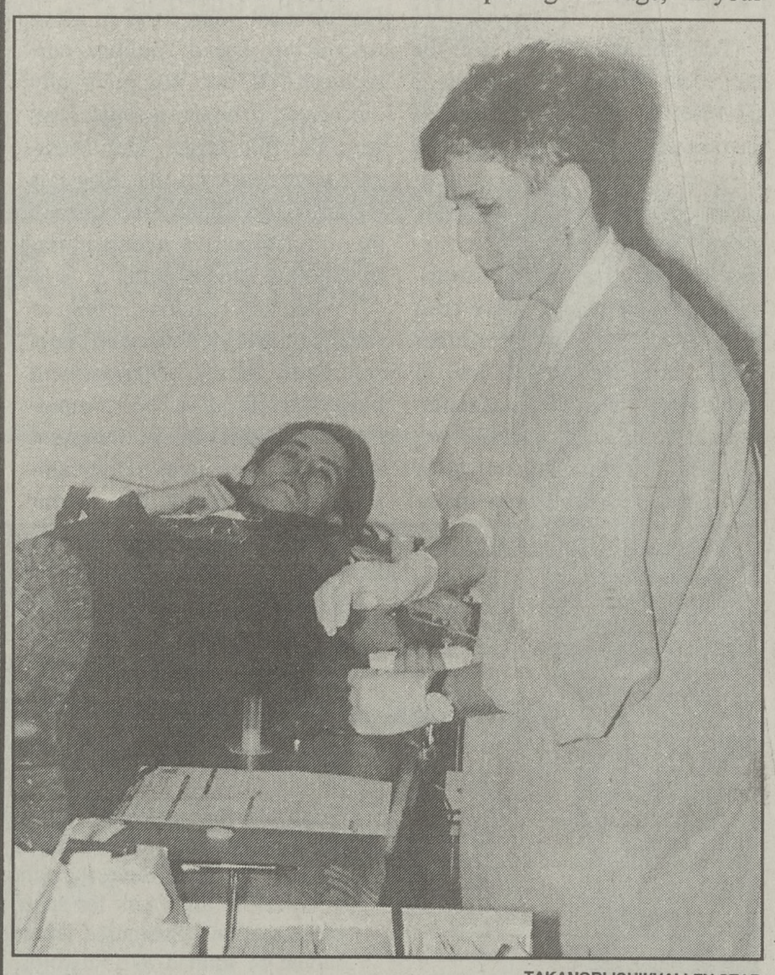

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Nurses Jacque Norris (left) and Carolyn Jones (right) drawing blood from donor and student Wayne Hustis at the blood drive.

Blood drive needs more veins

By AARON DORN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Students opened their hearts and veins to the American Red Cross at a blood donation drive in the Fireside Room Feb. 27 and 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Valley students donated a total of 29 pints of blood. A total of 18 prospective donors were turned down due to sore throats, sickness and tatoos. Three bags could not be filled because the donors' veins were to small.

Registered Nurse (RN), Barbara Jones who has been the head nurse of blood drives for 18 years said, "I don't think anybody knew we were on campus today."

"We didn't have a very good turnout this time," said RN Kathy Breese of the blood donations received from Valley students. Jones said the Red Cross likes to receive 40 usable pints of blood a day from every blood donation sight in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

"L.A. needs 1500 donors a day to cover the needs of the hospitals. Usually the Red Cross has a seven day supply of blood sitting on the shelf, now we only have a one day supply," Jones said. Jones also mentioned that 43 states are in blood emergencies due to the high demand produced by recent natural disasters.

Fine Arts major Daryl Gline was on hand to give her twelfth blood donation. "I like the idea of giving something that helps out people in real desperate need of something life sustaining," said Gline.

As for the process of having her blood drawn Gline said, "When it got to the point that I could watch the needle go in, that's when I didn't get nervous anymore."

The 29 pints of blood received from Valley will go through a two day testing period checking for 10 diseases that would leave the blood useless. In the case that the blood does not pass the tests, it will be discarded and the donor will be notified.

The usable units of blood will be divided in to three components consisting of plasma, platelets and red blood cells. Each component has specialized uses. Plasma is mostly used for burn patients, platelets are needed for hemophiliacs and red blood cells are for patients who have lost extreme amounts of blood.

Jones said it is recommended that men donate blood twice a year because too much iron in blood can cause heart attacks and donating blood cuts down on iron. "Giving blood is really healthy, like changing the oil in your car, you'll have fresh young blood cells jumping around in you," said Jones.

"Only eight percent of the population gives blood, probably because they don't realize the need. People that know how important blood is are our best donors," said Jones.

"Valley College is usually great at giving, because of lack of advertising the kids didn't know we were here," said Bresee.

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LYING DOESN'T HELP ANYONE...

Domestic violence affects children most

By MARLENY PADILLA
Valley Star Staff Writer

Last week we had a spokesman on campus whos discussed domestic violence. Some of us have seen this problem around us or have personally experienced it and done little or nothing to keep it from happening again.

Most women let it happen for many irresponsible reasons. Usually it is because they are afraid or are just used to it and believe they deserve to be treated badly.

Whatever the reasons, the children suffer the most. Some children say it is better to have no father than to live in the midst of fighting like cats and dogs.

Living in these conditions can be very confusing for children as they do not know the difference between love and hate and often grow up to treat their children violently.

The following story is dedicated to those children in our community who are living this wreckless life. In the dark of her small room, a little girl sleeps accompanied by her toys, dolls, fantasies and innocence.

Mom and Dad stay in the kitchen after dinner. She did not speak much all day and by this time of night is exhausted. After her little girl gave her a kiss "goodnight", Mom decided to stay up for a while and watch t.v. with Dad. Not long after, they start to argue like they have before.

Crying, the woman gets up and goes to the kitchen where she starts throwing dishes and dirty pans. The man goes after her and holds her arms with all his strength. He hits her once, twice and a third time. Slapping her in the face, there is nothing she can do. She screams for help and he hits her some more.

The little girl wakes up scared. She grabs her doll with a tight squeeze and puts her head under the pillow. With terror in her mind, she shakes from fear.

Prohibiting her to come out of her room during their fights, the little girls screams as loud as her voice will expand. Her cries are confused with her mother's screams for help. The little girl covers her ears with her hands so hard that it hurts.

Suddenly, there is silence. Miraculously they cease fighting and seconds later the doorbell rings. It is the police. A neighbor heard what seemed to be a woman's screams for help.

The officials interrogate both sides and decide, "It was a discussion without importance." Despite evident bruises all over her body, her heavy breathing and a heart pounding so hard it feels like it is going to break through her chest, she tells the authorities, "I fell down the stairs and he was helping me get up." Her husband insists, "Nothing has happened here." The officers leave.

The little girl goes back to bed and pretends to sleep. Her parents come into the room and turn on the light. When they see their little one sleeps peacefully, they leave silently.

It is now time to go to sleep. Tomorrow will be another day because in this house "nothing has happened."

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence do not be afraid to ask for help. Remember, children are affected in various ways and they do not deserve it.

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EDITORIAL

Affirmative Action demands reform

Outside from political gambling, the facts on the gains from three decades of practicing Affirmative Action are in sharp contradiction with latest claims the program, as it is practiced, is detrimental to everyone in America. Although misinterpretation and at times inappropriate implementation of Affirmative Action has led to undesired outcomes, they do not outweight the positives of the program.

The concept of Affirmative Action, which is comprised in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was further reaffirmed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 when he signed the executive order, number 11246, which called for all federal contractors to "take affirmative action" to make sure that applicants are employed "without regard to race, color, religion or national origen."

However, the recent challenges to Affirmative Action are based on arguments the program when applied in hiring practices and/or admission to educational institutions is discriminatory against nonminority groups because of the exitence of set quotas and the use of preferences in either hiring or promotions at work.

Those challenging the program are proposing to eliminate it and the embryo of this idea is Assemblyman Bernie Richter (R-Chico)'s newly drafted and conveniently named "California Civil Rights Act" initiative, intended to reach a spot in the 1996 elections' ballot.

It is believed among the promoters the initiative has been inspired by a succession of cases in which non-minority individuals have been discriminated agaist in different situations of hiring practices or admission to colleges. Among the most prominent of these cases features a 1978 Supreme Court case, Regents of University of California vs. Bakke in which a white male student had been denied admission to the UC Davis medical school based on race.

Although the court ruled Allan Bakke must be admitted to the University, noting he has been unjustly discriminated agaist on the based of race, oponents of Affirmative Action beleived discrimination against non-minority individuals has continued since then. Other cases have been reported as well.

Other data, however, presents facts in contrast with those claims and instead, it emphasize the need for continuing the application of Affirmative Action programs.

In analyzing data from the 1990 census, the Detroit Free Press reported on April 1993: "During the 1980s, the avarage pay for a woman as a percentage of a man's rose signifantly... In 1979, the average full-time working woman was paid just 61 percent of what men were; by 1989, that figure rose to 71 percent..." Thus, these figures alone show a progressive move toward achieving women equality in the work force, in comparison to men.

Other studies have calculated by the end of the 1980s, women earned on avarege 50 to 75 percent of what men earned depending on the occupation.

In one more study comprised in an article entiltled "The impact of post- school joblessness on male black-white wage differentials," in Industrial Relations, Apr. 1994, it is estimated higher rates of joblessness among black youth in the 1980s "directly translated into lower earnings for blacks and produced black-white wage divergence.

Such figures, as well as many more available, indicate Affirmative Action, as a program to ensure and promote equality have a role to play in the American economic and social life.

Although it is early to predict the outcome of this debate, we in the Valley Star beleive a revision, not the elimination of Affirmative Action is a more senseful approach in the search for fairness.

A.A. provides school support

By BEATRIX HENCKE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Hi, I am Beatrix an alcoholic and an addict.

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) has saved my life and allowed me another chance for an education. My major in school use to be sex, drugs and rock 'n roll. I did all of that very well, except I was failing in my academics. I also came to many personal lows and finally hit bottom.

I experienced a moment of clarity and found my higher power. I started going to A.A. meetings where I met my sponsor. I learned in meetings you can have a second chance in life and that you are responsible for your own destiny. I did not have to play the victim anymore.

There is a saying in A.A. if you relapse or go out and drink, "you can keep coming back." I am three years and nine months sober today. I had my relapses but I kept coming back.

I use this concept for going back to school. With a ninth grade education and a G.E.D. I am back in school. It was difficult at first but the longer I stay sober, the more the fog lifts.

If you find yourself overwhelmed in chemical dependency one of the ways that can help you is the A.A. support system.

We have meetings on campus on Friday in Bungalow 5 from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I commend the Star's staff for the recent balanced discussion of the brief phenomenom of sexual harrassment. I say "brief" because it is over. The last wave of gender-based hysteria was buried in the voter's reaction of the now historically significant date: November 8. No new charges have been filed since that date. Professor Jorgensen is well on his way to receiving a handsome legal settlement at taxpayer's expense.

A more ominous concern for our school coomunity was manifested in Proposition 187. Sexual Harrassment went hand in glove with an ugly friend: "political correctness." It was not politically "incorrect" to be anti-semitic. Jews were the first target. Our Mexicans were next with 187. Now it is the turn of our Black Americans in an anti-affirmative action initiative in the 1996 election.

When any religious, ethnic or racial group is victimized no one is safe. Sadly, the sexual harrassment binge has left our school community with a legacy of alienation and suspicion. The paucity of this campus' response to the fate of our Mexican students was deplorable. History has an expression for it: Divide and Conquer!

Jack Arnot
Prof. History

Dear Editor,

Shawn Wylie's article about the museum in the Valley Star continues to bring in people. On a scale of one to ten, I would rate the article 100.

Austin Conover
Museum Director

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Violence

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gifts and flowers and indeed, acts toward her as he did on their honeymoon. The woman believes him and soon forgets the atrocities he has done to her."

All the woman remembers is how kind and loving he was during the honeymoon phase. No matter how many more times he beats her, she will convince herself that the beatings are aberrations, that he truly loves her and he will never beat her again. "But he will," said Weiss, "It will happen again and again and keep on happening. The cycle will never stop, and if anything, it will occur with more and more frequency. Don't delude yourself, he won't change, he can't change, so get away from him while you can."

"Some battered women never show any outward signs of abuse," Weiss said, "and that's because they are not physically assaulted, however, there are three other equally cruel kinds of abuse to which women are subjected."

"While being used as a punching bag or a football by a sadistic man results in broken bones, facial or body wounds, disfigurement and sometimes death, the grievous punishment inflicted on a woman's mind and state of being by a non-violent abuser, can be equally deadly."

Keeping a woman economically dependant is one of the ways an abuser exercises his control. The woman has to beg for every dime she needs, whether to get herself a new lipstick, buy groceries or pay the rent. Through her continuous asking for money, she loses her self-respect.

Another practice is to force the woman to stay in the home. She is kept prisoner, may not use the phone and is forbidden to make contact with her family or friends. The only time she is allowed out, is when he is with her. On those occasions she goes along as a beast of burden to fetch and carry necessities needed in the home.

Deprivation is another practise a batterer imposes on a woman. When deprived of her freedom and opinion, or when a woman is isolated from friends and family, while leaving no visible scars, it slowly kills the spirit of even the most vibrant woman. She slowly withers away emotionally.

Some of the most frequently used reasons heard from battered women are as to why they remain in an abusive relationship include they are bereft of hope and in their low self-esteem, accept the abuse as part of their lives. Some stay for religious purposes, others for the sake of children. Financial reasons are also a consideration. Many women develop a guilt complex and blame themselves for the violence of their spouses.

Some women are fearful of the actions their spouses will take against them but women need to realize that they can receive shelter, assistance, financial help, love and understanding from any of the many organizations dedicated to helping battered women.

Mitch Robbins, the officer in charge of the Major Assault Crime (MAC) Unit for the Los Angeles Police Department said, "The MAC unit will immediately respond to every call we receive. Officers, trained in domestic violence will go to the residence and if the woman agrees, the man will be arrested and taken to jail. There he will stay until his court appearance."

A bail of $50,000 prohibits many batterers from posting bond, a far cry from the $750 formerly mandated by the courts. This bail amount is unprecedented for a crime considered to be only a misdemeanor. However it is effective in keeping batterers in jail until the day of their trial. If found guilty, the batterer can be incarcerated for eight days, the maximum penalty allowed by law.

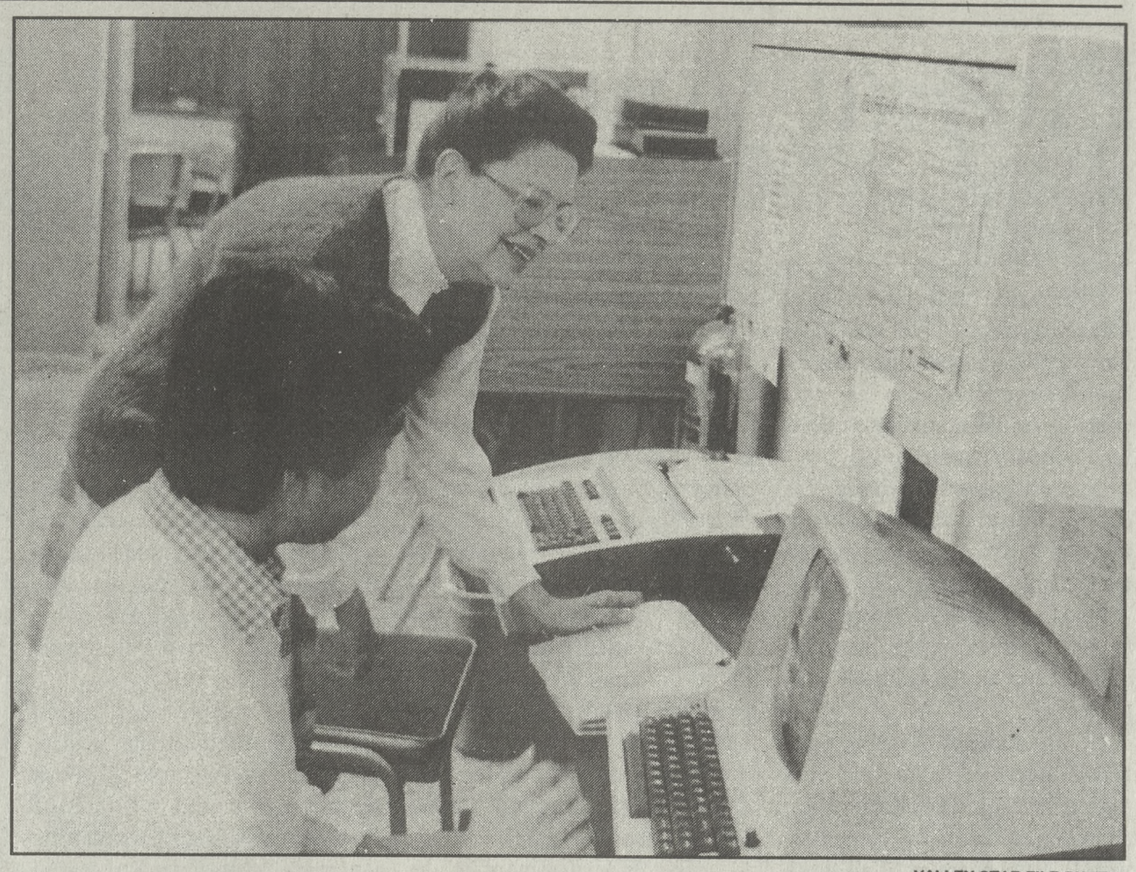
Regarding this punishment Robbins said, "It is ludicrous and far too lenient, but until the laws of the state are amended, our hands are tied."

To circumvent the antiquated laws, Robbins has instituted plans whereby jail time can be substantially increased for batterers who repeat their crimes. Previous to Robbins' innovations, an already convicted batterer could only be tried for his latest offense, and the past history of his assaults were not allowed to be entered in evidence.

Through the perseverance of Robbins and other law enforcers, past convictions are now admitted as evidence, which results in an automatic increase in the prison sentence. In that regard, an abuser, depending on his past record, may now receive a prison term of months or years.

Robbins concluded his speech with other revelations about the enormity concerning battering and abuse. Police statistics show that 75 percent of all prison inmates in the California Penal System come from an abusive environment.

The L.A.P.D. respond to an average of 500 family violence incidents every month. By extrapolation and based on a 30 day month, this equates to 160.6 calls per day. Robbins said he hopes that members of the California Legislature will, "Stop dragging their heels and implement new laws that will severely deal with the problem of spousal abuse."



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Ann Morris advises student on how to use the Eureka career planning system in Administration.

New scholarship created in memory of Valley counselor

By JO-ANA D'BALCAZAR
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Counseling Department of Valley will be presenting the first "Ann Morris Memorial Scholarship" on April 5.

Applications will be available on March 13 at the Community Relations office, Room 100 and should be returned by March 24. Scholarship amounts have not yet been decided.

The Scholarship was established in recognition of Ann Morris, who was a counselor at Valley for 22 years. She passed away on May 20, 1994.

"This is one way that Ann Morris continues to assist students in reaching their career goals," said counselor Martha Perez.

Perez said that applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, have completed a minimum of 24 units at Valley, and currently be enrolled in at least six units. Applicants must also have a specific career goal in mind.

Morris founded and directed the Career Center, later renamed the Career/Transfer Center, and coordinated the testing program for the college.

Morris dedicated her life to career education and counseling. She served on the Curriculum, Matriculation, and Vocational Education Advisory Committees.

Because of her devotion to the Counseling Department the Career/Transfer Center has been dedicated to her memory and a scholarship has been established in her name.

Morris used to say, "It is rewarding to see the students who come in confused finally get it together."

ASU-in-Brief

Three commisionerships are available at ASU. They are: Commisioner of Native Americans, Fine Arts and Jewish Concerns. For more information and to get an application go to Campus Center 102.

Hillel and ASU Commisioner of Jewish Studies is sponsoring a Purim celebration at club day March 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Monarch Square.

Friends of Unity meetings are held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Cafeteria.

T.A.E. Skate Night will be held March 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Northridge Skateland. For more information call (818) 885-7655.

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Play at your own risk

BY ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writer

The video game machines in the cafeteria are tired and have been known to gobble up quarters from unsuspecting players. The controls on these machines need long overdue maintenance.

In their present condition, the controls act in a haphazard way much to the frustration of many of the students who play. The games are old, some of them dating back to 1981, which makes them almost as old as the students who play them.

Some of these complaints received about the machines included that of Liberal Arts Major, Rick Aguilera, whose only complaint was, " A replacement of all these old games for newer ones would be a good Idea. It is no secret these games do not work very well, but they are fun to play even if they do malfunction " he said.

From Computer Science Major Albert Ursua, " the joysticks for the games in the cafeteria fail to move correctly and the players cannot perform the right moves in the game. These games suck, they steal my quarters and the Ninja Magic in Shinobi does not work sometimes."

" I enjoy playing the games," this from Larry Brown, student, " but it would be cool if they got some new ones in here."

After receiving complaints about these machines the Valley Star arranged, with the cooperation of Mr. Albert Fierro of Cafeteria Servces, to have the machines shut down until the owner either repaired or replaced them. Fierro immediately made signs and posted them on the machines. In large letters each sign stated the machines were out of commission and not to be used.

The following morning the games were. On closer inspection the signs were still hanging on the some of the machines, while others had been taken off and thrown on the floor. When asked if they had removed the signs, none of the players admitted to it.

When further questioned about the games, they were in agreement that the machines were not so bad, and they did not mind the state of disrepair. When asked about the vintage of the games, four out of five of them said they liked the older games.

The signs posted by Fierro were put there for the purpose of denying the owner of the machines any more of your hard earned money. The signs would have stayed posted until he made repairs and installed newer games. Some students chose to ignore these signs and effectively thwarted having the situation corrected.

If students choose to disregard signs posted for their benefit, then, they have no recourse. There is another sign posted in the arcade they should be aware of and fully understand. Posted on the wall behind the machines, this sign reads, "Play at your own risk," which means, when a student plays these games, the owner is absolved of any malfunctions of the machines.

Therefore students should not complain when the malfunctions occur.

DOROU BOGHOSIAN/VALLEY STAR
Students relax by playing video games in the cafeteria which have been known to steal money.

Guitarist plays for home crowd

By ED RAWLINS
Valley Star Staff Writer

"I wish I had 20 as talented as him. We're lucky if we get one every four years," said Robert Mayeur, guitar instructor.

He was speaking about Jesse Monreal a former student and now national leading solo guitarist who will be playing March 16 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

"He was an outstanding, dedicated student," added Mayeur. "He played classical guitar and first guitar in the guitar ensemble and first guitar in the guitar quartet. He's flourished ever since," said Mayeur.

"He's a friendly, gentle man and his beautiful music exemplifies it," said Diane Wintrob, who directs the concert series. "He played with a sensitivity and musicality the students really enjoyed when he last performed two years ago, and they are thrilled with his return," said Wintrob.

Monreal will play five works, four from 20th Century and the other from the Baroque period.

A graduate of California State University at Northridge with a degree in music performance, Monreal was selected to perform in a Masterclass for Julian Bream. He was one of only eight selected from throughout California.

He has received scholarships from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Science, and the Andre Segovia Scholarship Award both in 1991 and 1992.

Additionally, he received scholarships to the Guitar and Lute Institute for the California State University Summer Arts Program in 1990, 1991, and 1992.

Currently he lives in Mali, where he teaches guitar.

True to his profession, a call to his home provides a rousing guitar rendition, rather than a beep, on his answering machine.

IMS Filmex Schedule

The following movie will start promptly at 12:30 p.m. in BSc 101.

March 15: "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" based on the book by William Shirer, produced and directed by Jack Kaufman, 1986 B & W, 120 mins.

'Billy Madison' causes audience to bust out laughing

By AARON DORN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Following in the footsteps of Waynes World, Coneheads, and It's Pat, Saturday Night Live (SNL) star Adam Sandler stars in his first lead role in " Billy Madison."

Sandler plays the part of Billy Madison, a rich 26 year old kid who goes back to school, starting with the first grade. Co-written by Sandler, Billy Madison is a funny movie and provides many laughs throughout the film. The movie would be especially funny for SNL fans, which seem hard to find these days. SNL co-stars Chris Farley and Norm MacDonald help Sandler add to the films moments.

Growing up Billy's father, Brian Madison bought Billy everything he wanted and payed his teachers off in hopes that Billy would straighten up in college, hoping that one day he could hand the prosperous Madison hotel chain over to Billy. Brian Madison's plan backfired, Billy spent his days laying by the pool of the Madison estates drinking daiquiris and reading pornographic magazines.

Realizing Billy was in a fantasy world Brian Madison opted to hand the company over to his executive vice president, Eric. Billy desperately makes an offer to his dad that if he goes back to school and passes grades one through 12 in six months he will still inherit the family fortune. Against Eric's protest Brian Madison agrees to Billy's offer, throughout the movie Eric desperately and maliciously tries to stop Billy from passing his classes, at other peoples expense.

When he gets to high school dressed in his tight jean jacket with the collar turned up and REO speedwagon shirt, Billy realizes that being the brunt of jokes isn't so fun.

At first he doesn't understand since he was the king of the school ten years earlier, but he realizes that popularity is not so important.

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Future officers presently patrol the campus

By ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writer

The young men and women seen on campus wearing distinctive yellow jackets are students in training for a career in law enforcement. Ethnically representative of a variety of cultures, these students are enrolled in the course.

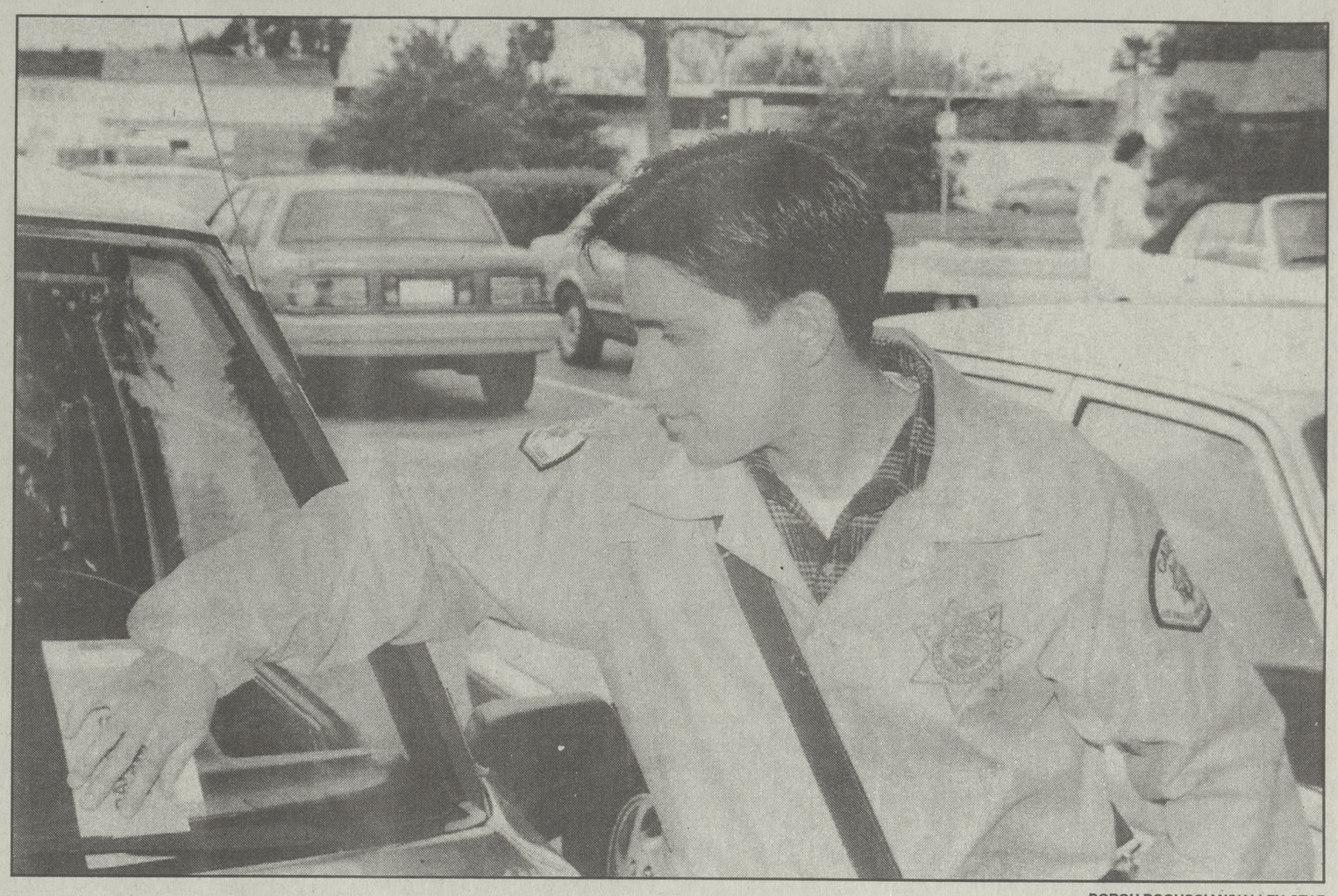
"Administration of Justice 87-Campus Patrol," where they are taught the fundamentals of their chosen career, both in the classroom and on the lonely outreaches of the 145 acres of the Valley campus.

This course, is funded by the Federal Government through a law enacted by the Clinton Administration, where in, law enforcement agencies, including Valley Campus Police and other law enforcement agencies throughout the country are granted monies for the hiring and training of personnel and the purchasing of weapons, munitions and equipment. Requisites for the class are a passing grade in Administration of Justice 1, attendance at a three hour lecture rendered once a week by Instructor J.J. Wolf, and four hours of patrol duty, per week, as assigned by Campus Police Chief Karl Traber.

"They are the eyes and ears of the Campus Police," said Traber, " and are of invaluable assistance to this department. I assign them to athletic games, theater presentations and any and all events where a large number of people are expected to attend. They assist in crowd control, insure that no alcoholic beverages are brought onto the premises, eject unruly spectators and maintain a safe environment for the fans attending these functions. They are here to protect and serve every teacher, student and visitor on campus and they've been doing a great job."

These students also act at night when they provide safe passage for teachers and students who are fearful of walking through poorly lit areas of the campus.

"Their greatest assistance to my 12 man force is their surveillance of the parking lots and the remote areas of the campus. Their presence in these areas are the reasons for the very few incidents of violence, car break-ins, car thefts and graffiti."



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Escorting students to cars and giving parking tickets to cars with no permits are just two tasks of a police cadet like James Quinn.

"I wish I had more of them," Traber said," but unfortunately, only the students enrolled in A.J. 87 are eligible. I would like to see another class added to the school curriculum. If this is realized, I can double the patrols and possibly maintain the campus free from vandalism." When on patrol, the students, alone or in pairs but, preferably in pairs, which the manpower situation does not always allow for, are equipped only with Walkie Talkie radios. They either walk or ride bicycles when patrolling their assigned sectors, paying heed to everything within their sight and hearing. When confronted with an unusual situation they radio to headquarters, and within minutes are joined by a Campus Police Officer who takes charge of the situation.

These students are empowered to issue citations for non- compliance with the mandatory permits necessary for parking on the college lots, but cannot cite students for littering, or infractions of the smoking regulations imposed by the college.

Traber is enthusiastic about this program and he envisions it growing into a much broader one, one in which the training received by the students in A.J. 87, will rival that of the trainees now attending the Los Angeles Police Department Academy.

Broadcasting instructor hangs up his mike in favor of retirement

"The last time they had heard my voice, I was dangling above New York Harbor, in the next moment there was nothing but dead air."
Ray Wilson

By KIT PARAVENTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

Hundreds of feet below Ray Wilson, the waters of New York Harbor churned and throbbed to the rhythm of whirling helicopter blades. Microphone in hand, he clung to the taut, swaying rope that carried him skyward and shouted to be heard over the propeller's roar. It was 9:50 a.m., and Wilson wasn't scheduled to go off the air for another 10 minutes. His simulated helicopter rescue was the climactic final installment in a week-long series of live-coverage feature stories from the deck of a coast guard cutter. The year was 1956.

He once waited, microphone in hand, on a dreary Dublin street corner. An unmarked car with nameless occupants arrived. Wilson was blindfolded and taken to a secret, guarded location where he tape recorded an interview with an officer of the Irish Republican Army who'd recently escaped a penal hospital.

Wilson provided the only live broadcast coverage of the enthusiastic and prophetic embrace between Russian Premier Nikita Kruschev and Fidel Castro outside Harlem's Teresa Hotel on a summer morning in 1959.

Wilson, his eyes alight with memories, sits in his soon to be vacant office pondering the highlights of a career that has embraced the best of two worlds. His retirement this June signals the end of 18 years as professor in charge of Valley College's Radio Program, a position he took after more than two decades as a radio broadcaster.

On the desk in front of him is a black and white glossy photo recently retrieved from a file folder. Pictured is an intense, smiling young man standing, microphone in hand, beside an equally young Audrey Hepburn. Though the dark hair of the young man is now white, the features still radiate strength and the voice rumbles with the same resonant authority that engaged radio listeners in days gone by.

At 65, Wilson has seen it all and said it all. A native of Park Falls, Wisconsin, his voice first found the airwaves during his second year in the army. The glib 19-year-old staff sergeant with the golden voice and cocky attitude, was recruited as a disc jockey by the Armed Forces Radio Service's Blue Danube Network in Vienna, Austria.

Following Wilson's discharge, Program Director Al White of New York City radio station WRCA, (later renamed WNBC,) caught a weekend, remote, feature show Wilson hosted for a small New Brunswick station. White, who was conducting a talent search for an on-air position that would involve live remote coverage of breaking news and feature stories, invited Wilson to an audition.

"At first, I thought it was a crank call," says Wilson. "He said he was the program director at WRCA and I said, 'yeah, right.'" White finally convinced Wilson that the offer was legitimate.

Wilson accepted the audition and got the job. He was assigned an engineer, remote broadcasting equipment, and a red Thunderbird to prowl the New York City streets in search of action. "It was the best job in broadcasting," he recalls. "Wherever the story was, that's where I'd be." It was from the vinyl back seat of the red Thunderbird that Wilson reported the Castro/Kruschev rendezvous and hundreds of other events. His simulated helicopter rescue from the coast guard cutter in New York Harbor created a frenzy of public concern, when his final minutes of broadcast were cut short by a dislodged microphone cord. "The station received all kinds of calls," he says. "The last time they had heard my voice, I was dangling above New York Harbor, in the next moment there was nothing but dead air."

A 12-year stint as news director at KPOL, the station that lured him to the West Coast in 1961, garnered him a 'Golden Mike' award for one of his blistering, but insightful social and political commentaries. It was also at KPOL that he met Eunice, his wife of 30 years.

A staunch liberal, he was an outspoken opponent of American involvement in the Vietnam War. His unabated criticism of Richard Nixon's candidacy was instrumental, he says, in the decision of KPOL management to fire him as news director, shortly after Nixon's inauguration. "Had I known I was risking my job, I would have done it anyway," Wilson says.

In spite of his own frequently articulated opinions, Wilson is one of the few members of the Broadcast Era that mourn the demise of the Fairness Doctrine, a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandate enforced between 1961 and 1973.

The Fairness Doctrine compelled broadcasters to present all sides of each issue, and was also an attempt to get them involved in the problems of their communities, Wilson says. Its purpose was not to restrict or ban the broadcast of dissonant or outrageous opinions, but to balance them with a well articulated presentation of opposing viewpoints.

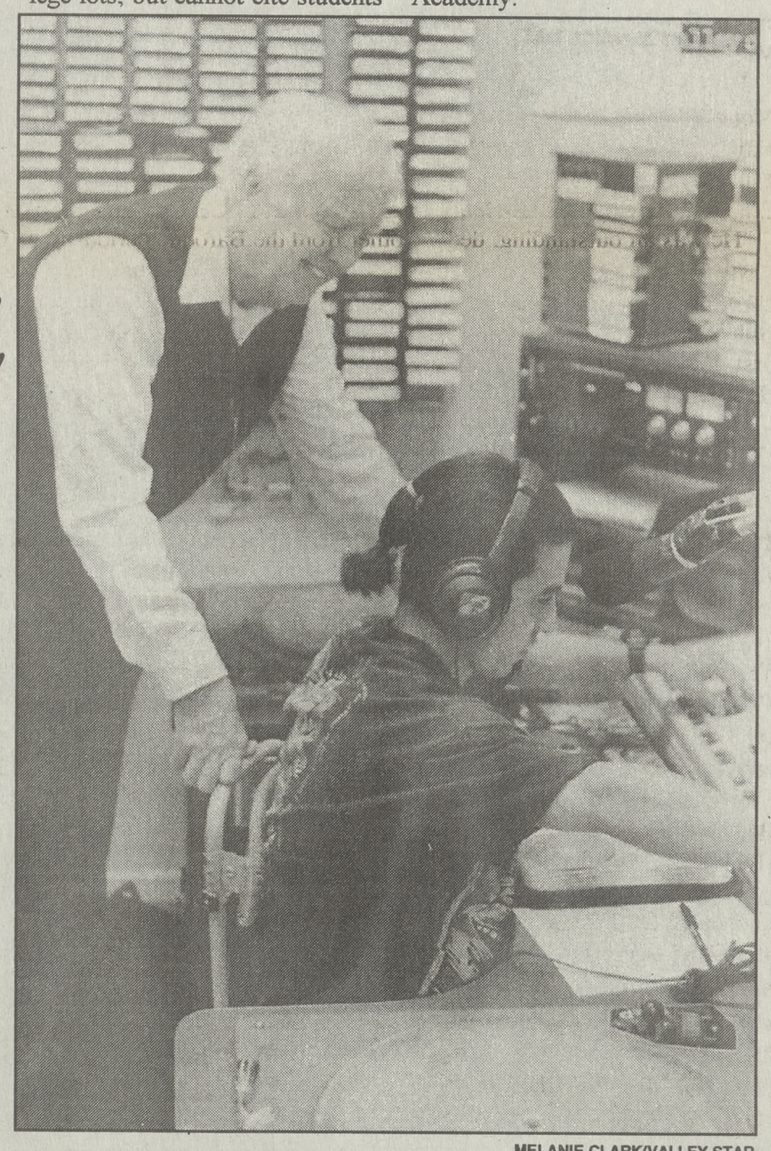
The abandonment of the Fairness Doctrine under the Reagan Administration has resulted in what Wilson calls a rampage of one sided opinion. "In certain small markets, for example, people only hear one view of the Clinton presidency. Rush Limbaugh's view. There's no longer any balance." After 23 years in radio, the intensity and pressure of broadcasting began to take a toll on Wilson's health. "I had watched many of my contemporaries die from heart attacks and strokes," he said, " and now it's time for me to lay down my microphone."

Though his teaching career has provided few opportunities for daredevil public escapades or red Thunderbirds, it has afforded him a deeper satisfaction. "There's nothing more exciting than seeing the light of understanding in someone's eyes," he says.

Wilson enjoys an enduring popularity among current and former students, many of whom attribute their success in the competitive world of radio to his guidance and inspiration.

"I'd have to give him credit for starting my career," says KFWB writer/reporter Will Gearhart, who cites Wilson's insistence on technical proficiency as a major factor in landing him his first entry level job at the station.

Student Richard Blythe, station manager of the campus radio station KVCM 830 AM, arrives at the office door. "You were right," he tells Wilson, pointing to the mike he's carrying. "Battery was dead. But it's brand new."



MELANIE CLARK/VALLEY STAR
Professor Ray Wilson assisting Isaac Ruiz, "The Boy Wonder" at the morning talk show on KVCM, The Voice of Valley College.

Wilson smiles. "Just because it's new doesn't necessarily mean that it works, he says. Blythe hurries off to begin his afternoon airshift. Wilson serves as advisor to the student- run campus station, which has flourished under his guidance.

Wilson says his aim as a teacher is simply to impart survival skills. To that end, he's designed a program which provides fledgling broadcasters with a solid technical foundation as well as a keen understanding of the politics and pitfalls of employment in radio. Imperative, says the former renegade, " is developing an understanding of the management's point of view."

His love for the written and spoken language infuses his lectures and leaves his blackboard littered with chalk- inscribed polysyllabic words he has encouraged students to try on for size. Some do. "He's a fantastic teacher," says Gearhart. "I wish he could go on teaching forever."

Wilson is flexing both physical and intellectual muscle in anticipation of his June retirement. First on the list of projects for he and his wife is a move from their long time Agua Dulce home to Cambria, a California coastal community which will provide a perfect setting for favorite activities like water skiing. The Wilsons also intend to indulge their fondness for travel, a pastime that enables him the opportunity to research first hand, the anthropological foundations of human behavior. "I've always been fascinated with what brings whole cultures to commit acts of atrocity upon one another," Wilson said.

How would he like to be remembered by those who sat in his classroom? The man who dangled from helicopters, interviewed terrorists, and witnessed history from a red Thunderbird. "I want them to know I cared," Wilson said.

Head baseball coach emphasizes education

By ROBERT BLECHL
Valley Star Staff Writer

Chris Johnson, the head baseball coach, has been at Valley for nearly a decade. In that time, his vast experience and love for the game have helped many players both on and off the baseball diamond.

"I've been the head baseball coach at Valley for eight years and an instructor for six," says Johnson.

Before coming to Valley, Johnson was an assistant baseball coach at Cal State Northridge from 1980 to 1985. In 1986 he came over to Valley as an assistant coach. "In 1987 I finished my Master's Degree," says Johnson. "I didn't coach that year."

In January of 1988, the head baseball coach at Valley embarked on a scouting job for the Minnesota Twins. Johnson came back to Valley after receiving his Master's Degree and took over the position as head coach.

"I ended my playing career in junior college due to injuries," explains Johnson. "I played one year in junior college and dislocated my shoulder."

Because of his strong affinity for the game, Johnson recuperated and became a coach. At the age of 20 he was an assistant coach at Ventura College where he was also enrolled as a student. "So I've been pretty fortunate to have been still young at this job here as head coach and still have a lot of experience," says Johnson.

Johnson received an Associate of Arts degree from Ventura College. He also received both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree from Cal State Northridge.

Johnson said that the large part of what he does is to assist students in their education. "I love to be able to help out in that direction," says Johnson.

Currently, there are a number of former Valley players attending other colleges that were coached by Johnson. According to Johnson, former Valley baseball players are playing currently at Cal State Northridge, Long Beach, Hayward, Dominguez Hills and Los Angeles, as well as at Loyola Marymount and Troy State in Alabama.

"All of these guys played here and they matriculated in both their education and their baseball career on to four year colleges," says Johnson.

"Just like a lot of people, I started playing when I was a kid and just fell in love with the game," he says. "I still am in love with the game despite everything that is happening in the major leagues.

"There is the misconception that baseball is dying because there's no baseball in the majors. I have 30 guys out there playing baseball and we have millions of people playing it all over the country," says Johnson. "It is just not happening at the highest level right now."

Johnson speaks highly of his three assistant coaches, Don Schumacher, Rob Cassenbatter and Daryl Handelson. "These guys all played for me at one time or another during their careers," says Johnson.

Johnson says there are many ways to motivate his team for success. "We have a team but we also have individuals out there that motivate in different ways. We learn what first motivates them as individuals and then teach them how to be a team," he says.

"Some guys need to yell and scream and some guys need to sit there and be quiet (for motivation)," Johnson adds. "Some guys need to do different things to get ready. What we have to do from our standpoint (coaching) is learn what is best for each individual to get them ready to play."

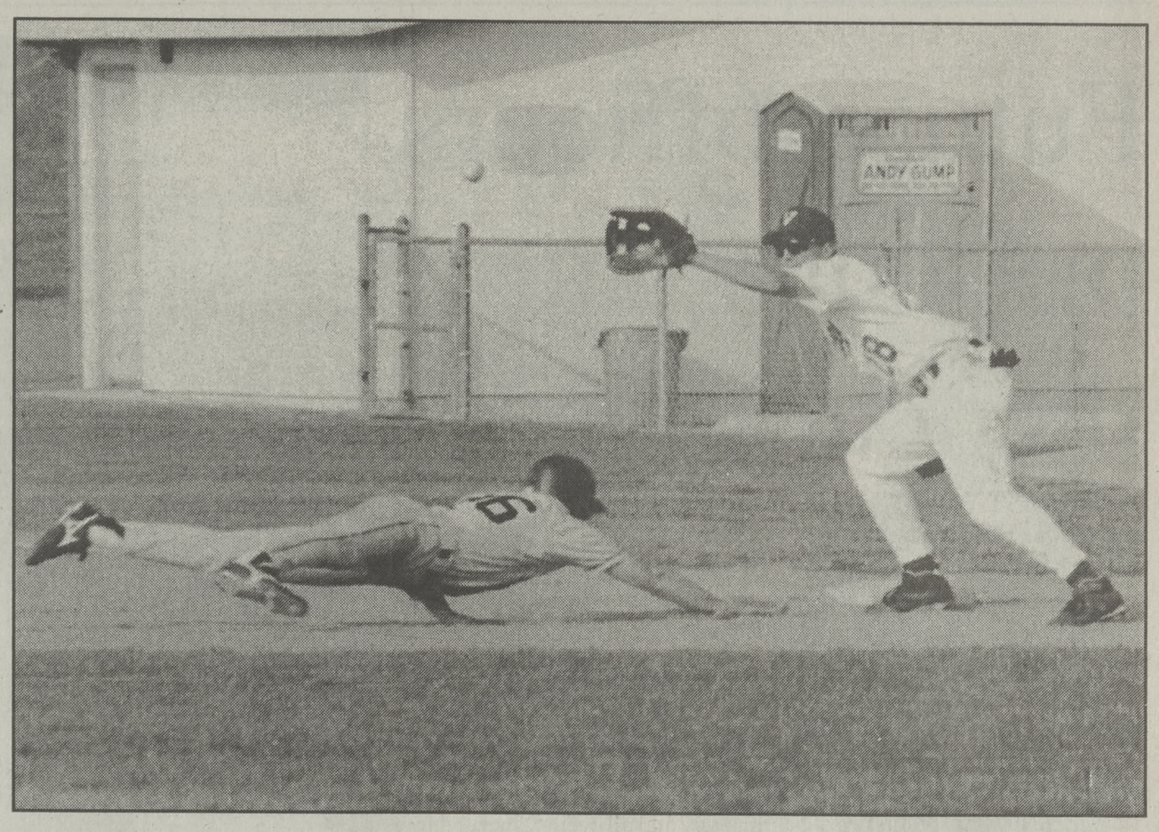
Johnson says, "It is a team game but obviously individuals play it and we do a lot of things to make the team cohesive and have them help each other. So motivation comes from millions of different sources."

Johnson likes to believe he is never satisfied and is always learning. "I think when you start to believe that you know it all, you really know nothing," he says. "That's basically my philosophy for the game."

Besides baseball, Johnson does have other interests outside the game. "Obviously my family, first of all," he says. "And I love the teaching part of my job." Johnson teaches health and physical education courses.

He is also an avid reader. "I try to stay eclectic by reading in all kinds of areas," says Johnson. But he does admit baseball is the biggest part of his life.

"In Southern California," Johnson explains, "baseball is a year round thing. Other than that, we are recruiting, playing or practicing. We're always doing something. It just takes up a lot of time, this baseball thing."



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Steve Zorn, Valley Baseball player, tries to throw out an El Camino player but ended up safe.

Upcoming Sports Calendar

3/9 Men's Baseball vs. COC 2 p.m.

3/10 Men's and Women's Track at Santa Barbara (Valley, Santa Barbara, COC, West L.A.) 2 p.m. Men's and Women's Swimming at Santa Monica 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball vs. Bakersfield 3:30 p.m.

3/11 Men's Baseball at Glendale 1 p.m.

3/14 Men's Baseball at Mission 2:30 p.m.

3/15 Men's and Women's Swimming at Pasadena 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball vs. Hancock 3:30 p.m.

3/16 Men's Baseball vs. Pierce 2:30 p.m.

3/17-18 Men's and Women's Track at Bakersfield Invite 9 a.m.

3/17 Women's Softball at Cuesta 3:30 p.m.

3/18 Men's Baseball at Bakersfield 1 p.m.

3/20 Women's Softball at COC 3:30 p.m.

3/21 Men's Baseball at COC 2:30 p.m.

3/23 Men's Baseball vs. Glendale 2:30 p.m.

3/24 Men's and Women's Track at Santa Monica Easter Relays All Day Men's and Women's Swimming at Cuesta 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball vs. Santa Monica 3:30 p.m.

3/25 Men's Baseball at Cuesta 1 p.m.

Women's softball

Coach plays hardball with softball team in their first season of play in five years

By S.L. SALAMONE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Women's Softball is back on the field for the first time this semester after an absence of five years. The sport was dropped from Valley athletics due to coaching problems, and was brought back this season after the hiring of new head coach Kodee Murray.

"The season is going to be a real dog fight. There are a lot of strong teams against us. (Some of the teams include) Hancock, Moorpark, Pierce, as well as College of the Canyons," Murray said.

One of the women to watch is team captain Jennifer Molden. "She hits the ton out of the ball," Murray said. Another player to watch is freshman Stephanie Wood. "She's a real silent leader," Murray said.

Catcher Kadee Kepner is another softball player Murray says has a lot of potential and describes her as the glue of the team.

"There's been a commitment from the entire school behind us. The support has been great and a lot of our success comes from that support," Murray said.

Athletic Director Chuck Ferrero said, "Kodee has put together a great team as well as a great coaching staff."

Ferrero said that he and the committee had no problem choosing Murray for the position of coach.

"She played in four Olympic Festivals, her CIF Championships, her turn in Europe as pro-coach, and being an All American herself, said it all. When you've been in athletics as long as I've been, you get to know what makes a good coach," Ferrero said.

The next game for Women's Softball is at home against Bakersfield, March 10 at 3:30 p.m.

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